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### **Immigrant Gate II Dedication**

Immigrant Gate II, a sculpture created by North Carolina artist Jim Gallucci, will be officially unveiled at its new permanent home in Millbrook Exchange Park, 1905 Spring Forest Road (near the Community Center) on September 9 at noon.

In addition to remarks by Mayor Charles Meeker and the artist, the ribbon-cutting event will include a Naturalization Oath Ceremony administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as well as the Sanderson High School AFJROTC Color Guard, The Millbrook High School Madrigals (singing the national



"Immigrant Gate II" by Jim Gallucci

anthem), and additional music provided by International Focus. The event will be followed by light refreshments.

Mr. Gallucci created *Immigrant Gate II* in 1997, as part of an important series of gate works celebrating his family's coming to America. Comprised of welded powder-coated steel, the brick-red sculpture is 10 feet long, 4 feet wide, and over 12 feet high.

For more info, visit www.raleighnc.gov/arts (click on news).

### **Art on City Plaza**

Three new sculptures are coming to City Plaza in September! The sculptures to be exhibited for a period of one year will be "Yellow Tail" by Roger Halligan (Chattanooga, TN), "Summer and Spring" by Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC), and "Little Less" by Bill Wood (Fairfax, VA).

The ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring



"Yellow Tail" by Halligan

Mayor Meeker and other art dignitaries
will be Saturday, September 18 at noon on the Plaza, in
conjunction with SPARKcon Creativity Festival. *Art on City Plaza* is
sponsored by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, in partnership

with Artspace and Visual Art Exchange.

For more info, visit <a href="https://www.raleighnc.gov/arts">www.raleighnc.gov/arts</a> (click on news).

#### Block Gallery over/under

Over/under is currently on exhibit at the Block Gallery (Aug. 5 - Sept. 20). The municipal building exhibit features the textural paintings of Kristan Five and Eduardo Lapetina and the haunting photography of Lizz Thabet. During over/under, Block2 Street Video Series features Lincoln Hancock & Miles Holst's film, Radios Appear, airing dusk to 2 a.m. in the window of Urban Design Center (133 Fayetteville St.).



"Text Driving" by Kristan Five

For more info, visit the Block Gallery online.

#### **Piedmont Laureate Call for Applications**

The Piedmont Laureate program will be accepting applications from creative nonfiction writers for 2011. Authors of works including biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, travel writings, and new journalism are eligible to apply. Writers must be residents of Alamance, Durham, Orange and/or Wake counties. Deadline to apply is September 20, 2010. For complete guidelines and application form, visit <a href="https://www.piedmontlaureate.com">www.piedmontlaureate.com</a>.

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## Great Art in the Parks: Special Pottery Workshop at Pullen Arts Center

Beginning Sept. 18, Pullen Arts Center will be hosting a two-weekend workshop for potters interested in exploring cone 6 reduction firing with well-known potter Ronan Kyle Peterson. Basic glaze chemistry and application techniques will be discussed.

Ronan Kyle Peterson grew up in the mountains of western North Carolina and currently runs Nine Toes Pottery in Chapel Hill. His pottery is both functional and decorative and serves as a ceramic comic book interpretation of the natural world.



Ronan Kyle Peterson

For more info and to register, contact Pullen Arts Center at 996.6126. Pre-registration at least seven days in advance is required.

#### **New African-American Cultural Festival**

Raleigh residents are invited to enjoy their Labor Day weekend at the inaugural African American Cultural Festival to be held on City Plaza, Charter Square and the 400 block of Fayetteville Street, Sept. 3-5.

After a welcome reception on Friday, the weekend will feature African-American arts and



crafts, specialty items, food vendors and performances. At City Plaza, the "main stage" scheduled performers include Chuck Davis and the

African-American Dance Ensemble, the Sierra Leone Refugee All-Stars, the Soul Rebels Brass Band, and others. The headline act for the day will be Chuck Brown and His Large band. For more info, visit www.aacfralwake.org.

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